

Library of California

CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY

Interim Eligibility Standards for Libraries to Receive Library of California Funding Prior to Regional Library Network Formation

Eligibility standards for libraries to receive Library of California services, funding from the Library of California or participate in Library of California services or programs during the initial Regional Library Network formation period will be two tiered.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY STANDARD

All libraries must meet the basic standard as defined in the law in Education Code Section 18830(a).

Article 4. Eligible Libraries

...a... library...meets the following eligibility standards:

- (1) A written explicit mission statement and service objectives.*
- (2) A fixed location in California.*
- (3) Established hours of service.*
- (4) An organized collection of information and materials accessible for use by its primary clientele.*
- (5) Designated, onsite, paid staff for library services, at least one of whom shall have a master's degree in library or information science or a California library media teacher credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, but equivalent graduate education or demonstrated professional experience may be substituted for this requirement...*
- (6) An established funding base.*

The board of governance or the appropriate administrative authority for each academic library, public library, school library and special library...shall agree not to reduce funding for library services as a result of... participation.

SERVICE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY/SCREENING ELEMENTS

Each service program:

Interlibrary Loan/Direct Loan Reimbursements
Statewide Information Database Licenses
Telecommunications Infrastructure

will have additional specific service program eligibility or screening elements related to the specific program. Examples of program specific eligibility or screening elements would include:

Technical ability

Membership in or affiliation with a CLSA Cooperative Library System

Participation in CLSA programs and/or services

Demonstrated willingness to share resources

As new Library of California programs and services are developed prior to formal Regional Library Network formation, the specific programmatic eligibility and screening elements for that program will also be developed.

Participation in any Library of California service or program, prior to formal Regional Library Network formation, does not bestow membership in the Library of California to the participating library.